



# South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Case Status Report

INFORMATION DESCRIPTION			CASE NUMBER	31070156
OPEN	COMPLETED	CLOSED	Cross Ref. No	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Under Pros. Review		<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	Character Details	
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspended		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjudicated	Breach of Trust, Forgery	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting Court		<input type="checkbox"/> Ex. Cleared		
Opening Date	11/26/07	Closing Date	10/28/11	Lab Number

Williams, D.E.		Bolchoz, B. J. (LT)
Case Agent (last name, initials)	Assisting Agent (last name, initials)	Supervisor (last name, initials)

Requesting Agency	SC Attorney General's Office	Name	Henry McMaster
SLED Authority	Capt. Roger Heaton	Date Received	
Incident Date		Incident Location	Barnwell Co.

Subject (last name, first name, middle initial)	Victim (last name, first name, middle initial)
Cannon, David	Estate of James Brown

Subject Vehicle(s):

## Remarks:

On October 27, 2011, David Cannon entered a guilty plea under a Alford plea to one count of Breach of Trust in the amount of \$7.7 million and one count of Breach of Trust of \$900,000 in exchange for the State of SC dropping other counts. He appeared before Circuit Court Judge George James, Jr. and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, suspended on the service of 3 years of house arrest and 5 years probation. This case is closed.

No Closing Letter  
Needed

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Approved Supervisor:  
Approved Admin. Supervisor:

Date: 10-31-11

Date: 11/1/11

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## General

## Case Status

Name	Cannon, David / James Brown Enterprises	Case Type	Investigation	Incident Type Code1	Breach of Trust (10)
Case Number	31070156	Cross Reference No.	Supervisor	Incident Type Code2	
Case Agent	Williams, D.E.	Assisting Agent	Collier, Craig	Incident Type Code3	
Case Category	Awaiting Court	Case Status	Status Date		
		Open	5/7/2010		

## Case Status History

Assigned By	Heaton, Roger	Assigned Date	11/26/2007	Incident Date		Incident Date End	
Incident Location City		County	Barnwell (06), South Carolina	Incident Location State	South Carolina, UNITED STATES	Incident Location Country	UNITED STATES
Agent Unit		Closed Date		Lab Number			

## Suspects / Victims

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cannon, David	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Brown Enterprises	

## Requester Info

Requester	McMast er, Henry	Requesting Agency	SC Attorney General's Office	Request Date	Received Type Code	Person
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## Remarks





## Approval

Approving Supervisor	Approving Captain	Approval Date
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5-24-10

**Incident Types**

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# CASE MANAGEMENT HISTORY

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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Collier, TC (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070156  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
11/26/07	On this date Agent Williams received this investigation which involves the possible Breach of Trust by David Cannon from funds of The Estate of James Brown
11/26/07	Agent Williams contacted Sonny Jones of the Atty General's office & made an appt. to be briefed on details of investigation. The Atty. General has requested SLED's participation. The meeting was set for 11/28/07 in Columbia.
11/28/07	Agent Williams met with AG Atty. Sonny Jones & Asst. Sandra Matthews who explained details of case. David Cannon, an accountant formed a corporation called 9th Decade <del>at which he is</del> He was hired by James Brown to manage his finances & Estate. He is accused of breach of Trust of approx. \$7-\$13 million dollars. Agent Williams is awaiting Sonny Jones to advise on who would prosecute case, AG or Barbara Morgan. Awaiting decision before obtaining bank records.
12/4/07	Spoke to AG lawyer Sonny Jones to find out if a decision had been made regarding who would prosecute case. No decision has been made, although he said that Cannon may want to come in to be interviewed.
12/11/07	Spoke to AG lawyer Sonny Jones who said he had documents ready for me on this case. I will get them on Wed. 12/12/07. No decision has been made yet on who will handle case State AG or Mrs. Morgan.
12/18/07	Picked up Transcript of Civil case from AAG Sonny Jones
12/19/07	Case mgt. completed. Continue reviewing documents & report back. JCC
12/28/07	Reviewed Civil Court Transcript & made notes
12/31/07	Reviewed Civil Court Transcript & made notes
01/02/08	<del>Reviewed Civil Court Exhibits in Columbia AG office &amp; discussed case with Lt. Peter Legan</del> Reviewed Civil Court Transcript & made notes





# CASE MANAGEMENT HISTORY

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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Collier, T.C. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 3/070156  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
01/02/08	Went to A.G.'s office in Columbia & reviewed Civil Court Exhibit (financial records) & discussed case with Lt. Pete Logan Contacted Barbara Morgan to set up appointment to discuss case. <del>arrangement</del>
01/04/08	Made appt. to Meet Barbara Morgan on Tues 01/08/08, 3:00pm to discuss case
1/8/08	S/A Williams met with Barbara Morgan and discussed facts of case. We called SA Pete Logan and discussed case with him. Ms. Morgan said she would call FBI & try to get them to work case. She said don't do anything <del>on</del> on case until she tells me if FBI will work case.
01/9/08	S/A Williams spoke to FBI supervisor in Columbia who said that he would assign an agent to review documentation at A.G.'s office.
01/16/08	S/A Logan contacted S/A Williams & said that FBI would not take case. Also A.G. Grand Jury will not work case although A.G.'s office will prosecute case if S/A Williams works case
01/16/08	S/A Williams spoke to Sol. Barbara Morgan & told her of above facts. She said still hold off on investigation until I hear from her.
2/12/08	case ngt. completed. still awaiting information from Sol. Morgan. TCC
3/5/08	Called Sol. Barbara Morgan's to find out status of inv. & was told Ms. Morgan will call me
3/28/08	case ngt. completed TCC
4/21/08	case ngt. completed TCC
5/17/08	S/A Williams spoke to A.G. Atty. Sonny Jones, who said that I had to work case with A.G. office. Received call from Lt. Pete Logan & discussed case,
5/13/08	S/A Williams met with Lt. Logan at State Grand Jury in Columbia & obtained records from Lt. Logan





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Olier, T.C. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070156  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
5/14/08	reviewed Bank records
5/19/08	case mgt. completed. TCC
6/2/08	SIA Williams received a letter from A.G. Atty. Jennifer Evans that Atty. Robert McNair (803) [REDACTED] has been assigned to this case. SIA Williams contacted McNair and arranged to meet him to discuss case on 6/11/08 at 10:00AM. He suggested that SIA Williams obtain bank records of J-Brown Enterprises & 7th Decade by Court order instead of Search Warrant
6/5/08	SIA Williams met with Sandra Matthews, Auditor Atty. Gen. Office at AG. office and discussed details of case. She provided me with copies of documents she had obtained thru Civil Case side of inv. including a disc from Morgan Stanley with acct. info. of James Brown Enterprises & Seventh Decade, (\$10,000,000 acct) controlled by Cannon. She also provided me with bank acct. info. for D&E Assoc. (David Gibbons Cannon) where Cannon was paying himself large amounts of money, presumably money received from JBE and/or 7th Decade. At end of meeting Matthews requested material & documents be returned until she could get <del>the</del> authorization to release it to SIA Williams & make sure no conflicts existed between Crim. & Civil. Lt. Logan called SIA Williams to discuss case & he requested that Williams fax him screenshots of case and other pertinent documents, including Request for Inv. letter from Atty Gen. McMaster.
6/6/08	SIA Williams received a call from Sandra Matthews who stated that she had been authorized to allow SIA Williams access to documentation obtained in Civil Case. Documents will be mailed immediately.





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Collier, T.C. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 3107056  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: CANNON, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
6/6/08	SIA Williams faxed copy of golden nbs and documentation to Lt. Logan
<del>6/9/08</del>	<del>SIA Williams</del>
6/6/08	SIA Williams spoke to Lt. Logan & discussed case and we both attempted to contact David Cannon for interview. SIA Williams left message on his phone. Lt. Logan spoke to his (Cannon's) atty.
6/9/08	SIA Williams received FedEx package from A.C. Office (civil) containing documents from civil case pertaining to criminal case against Cannon
6/9/08	SIA Williams reviewed documents and noted an additional corporation of Cannon (DGC Associates) (David Gibson, Cannon) with Bank acct. from Palmetto Federal in Barnwell acct. # [REDACTED] also David & Margaret Cannon personal acct. Regions Bank Acct # [REDACTED], David & Maggie Cannon Personal Acct. Enterprise Bank # [REDACTED] Per. Acct. David & Margaret Cannon # [REDACTED] Palmetto Federal
6/9/08	Typed on Search Warrants for various SC bank accts.
6/10/08	Sent search warrant affidavit to AG Atty McNair for approval & he sent me boiler plate info for requested items section He said affidavit was fine
6/11/08	SIA Williams sent (emailed) affidavit for search warrants to Lt Neill for approval & received supervisory approval Contacted Regions Bank in Barnwell & found out that Palmetto Federal was absorbed into Regions Bank so search warrant for Regions Bank should cover Palmetto Federal time period SIA Williams requested all accts. for 1999-2002 for Cannon including business & personal accts. Also James Brown Enter. acct. spoke to Lt Logan & updated him on case he said He & I will meet with Cannon's atty. soon in Cato.





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AGENT: Williams D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Collier, T.C. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 3107015L  
VICTIM: Brown, James  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
6/12/08	S/A Williams obtained 2 Search warrants from Mag. J. H. Witherspoon and served them at the Enterprise Bank & Regions Bank in Barnwell. Records will be copied and made ready to review.
6/16/08	Case mgt completed TCC
7/22/08	Reviewed Bank records
9/3/08	Reviewed Bank records
9/24/08	Reviewed Bank records
10/9/08	Meeting with AG Office Asst AG Robbie McNair & discussed case need Court order for records from Atty Adele Ripe
10/14/08	Dropped off Affidavit to support Court order to AG Office
10/16/08	Enterprise Bank, Barnwell, SC to check on bank records that I still don't have
	Spoke telephonically with David Johns (803) [REDACTED] Who said records would be delivered in 2-3 weeks
10/13/08	Telephonic interview with Roosevelt Johnson, Per. Asst of James Brown for Clerkship, off typed Memo of interview
10/24/08	Reviewed bank records, <del>at</del> Records show deposit into J.B Ent Acct \$800,000 from Dean Witter (Stanley Morgan Acct + \$500,000 from Dean Witter & Stanley Morgan Acct. Also show David Cannon issued himself checks for \$800,000 + \$500,000
10/30/08	Case mgt completed TCC
11/12/08	S/A Williams travelled to Thomson, GA and interviewed Albert Buddy Dallas about his & Cannon's relationship with James Brown & got general background info on how relationship with Brown was developed & what Brown expected of them. Also received copies of fin. agreement between Cannon & J. Brown.





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Collier, T.C (LT)  
COUNTY: Brannwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070196  
VICTIM: Brown, James  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
11/18/08	Did return on search warrants (Bank documents) to Mag. in Brannwell - reviewed financial records
11/21/08	organized financial records
12/8/08	Met with Atty. Adele Pope, Columbia, & reviewed financial records of James Brown & David Cannon pursuant to a A.G. Court order
12/12/08	Organized Bank records. Have documentation on \$800,000 transfer from Dean Witter, & \$500,000 transfer from Dean Witter to JBE. From JBE transferred money to DGC Assoc.) David Cannon and then to D. Cannon personal acct.
12/19/08	reviewed records and made arrangements with Adele Pope for earliest appointment to find records at her office. (Most of the records) <del>do not</del> do not exist any where except at Atty. Pope's office. It is very important to review these records (90 Boxes) Appt. made for 01/7/09.
01/07/09	Reviewed Bank records at Atty. Pope's office, with assistance from SIA J. Albayalde. Found several more documents (bank records) from 2000, including a \$1. million dollars transfer to Cannon's personal Bank acct. This brings the total to approx. 5 million dollars that it appears Cannon stole from the Dean Witter/Morgan Stanley acct. without auth.
01/20/09	Obtained 2 additional search warrants for records from on 7th Decade (Cannon Co.) for 2002 - 2004. from Enterprise & Regions Bank Delivered to Banks on 2/14/09
1/20/09	Case mgt completed. rcc





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SUPERVISOR: Collier, T.C. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070156  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
1/29/09	Telephoned Rachel Goochagen, Enterprise Bank to set up time slot for SIA Williams to obtain bank statements for 7th Decade Acct. pursuant to Search Warrant so SIA Williams can review them to determine what checks & deposit slips need to be provided by Bank
1/30/09	Picked up Bank records from Enterprise Bank After examining the records, SIA Williams will need to obtain additional records for the James Brown Enterprise acct - from Regions Bank
<del>2/3/09</del>	Talked with Lt. Pete Hogan who said that Det. atty for Cannon called AG office & asked if SLED would interview Charles Bobbitt, close friend & assoc. of J. Brown
02/03/09	SIA Williams telephonically interviewed Charles Bobbitt [REDACTED] DOB- [REDACTED] 30, Address: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] SA 30039 his phone: [REDACTED] cell phone: [REDACTED] Mr. Bobbitt was a close friend & confidant of J.B. Bobbitt has known JB since 1966 when he was hired by JB. Bobbitt said that JB trusted Cannon with his finances. Cannon got an unk. percentage of each show as compensation. He did not know if Cannon was compensated any other way. Mr. Brown made an arrangement with Cannon where Brown got \$100,000 per month. Bobbitt was JB's mgr. Brown was a serious person. Bobbitt was with JB when he died at hospital in Atlanta. Dr. said cause of death was congestive heart failure. No Autopsy was performed, because that was JB's wish. SIA Williams will prepare Memo of Int.





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Bolchoz, Brian (Lt.)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070152  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
2/4/09	SIA Williams typed Search Warrant for JOE acct. Regions Bank 2002-2004, to complete inv.
2/6/09	SIA Williams obtained SW from Barnwell Co Mag. Witherspoon + served Warrant at Regions Bank Barnwell
2/23/09	SIA Williams received the Regions Bank info (records) for James Brown Enterprises Acct [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (employee acct) SIA Williams reviewed the records & compiled a list of checks & transactions that he will need from Regions Bank that should indicate that David Cannon took money from the Dean Witter / Stanley Morgan acct between 2002-2004 in excess of the \$200,000 "yr." that he was allowed
2/24/09	SIA Williams prepared a list to email or fax to Brandy Hirsley Regions Bank, Phen, AZ (ref. above info.)
3/5/09	SIA Williams went back over Bank records to check again for missing information on items missed by SIA Williams previously. SIA Williams noticed that there were debits from David Cannon's personal acct at Enterprise Bank
03/06/09	SIA Williams met with Ms. Goochagen, Enterprise Bank Zuhardt, SC to review & discuss wire transfers from personal acct of D. Cannon to American Express acct [REDACTED] which records indicate that on 8/14/01, Cannon wired \$26,000 to AM Express Acct on 9/23/02 to 10/15/02, Cannon wired \$205,000 to AM Express Acct. On 9/23/03, Cannon wired \$307,500 to AM Express Acct
03/09/09	SIA Williams contacted Renee Jones, AM Express and received info on what address to send Search Warrant & Subpoena Compliance Unit, Data Mark, America E, [REDACTED]
3/11/09	SIA Williams typed Search Warrant for Am. Ex. Acct. [REDACTED] & got approval for Lt Bolchoz Typed on Inv. report





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Bolchoz, Brian (Lt)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070156  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
3/13/09	Got Search Warrant for records from American Express from Mrs. Witherspoon, Barnwell Co.
3/17/09	SIA Williams received Region Bank records pursuant to a search warrant for records. The records are returned checks & debit memos for JBE acct [REDACTED]. Several of the checks are made out to Cannon. SIA Williams faxed a copy of the search warrant to American Express at [REDACTED] & scan copy into this file
3-18-09	CASE MANAGEMENT — CONTINUE INVESTIGATION (BFS)
3/30/09	SIA Williams interviewed Phil Farr, accountant for JBE & James Brown. DOB: [REDACTED] 48, [REDACTED] Thomson, GA 30624, [REDACTED]. He said that he prepared income tax for JBE & J. Brown from 1985-2008. DGC Assoc. sole proprietorship owned by David Cannon for purpose of receiving payment from JB. A Com Link was a company in which Cannon was an investor and it was funded by money paid to Cannon from Brown. Telephone call center in Augusta. Typed on report.  Typed on report Typed on report Met with AAG McNair who said we will indict soon. Pha conv. w/ AAG McNair indict in Barnwell on May 7, 2009, but only some counts, not all in hopes of cooperation of Cannon
5/09	SIA Williams was given go ahead to indict Cannon, but AG's office rescinded authorization





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AGENT: Williams, D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Bolchoz, B.J. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 3107056  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
5/09	So Cannon could be interviewed, because he + his Attorney had agreed to take SLED polygraph. His Attorney later rescinded his agreement to allow Cannon to take polygraph. Robbie
6/09	S/A Williams met with AG's McNair, Pete Logan, + Attys. for Cannon, discussed case
7/10/09	S/A Williams, again <del>interviewed</del> met with AG office + Attys. for Cannon + discussed fin. agreements between Cannon + Brown. They agreed to authenticity of May agreement + admitted that Aug. agreement was forged.
7/24/09	S/A Williams interviewed Phil Farr + <del>Linda</del> <del>Wade</del> in <del>Attn.</del> Thomson, GA. His Atty. David Harmon was also there. He agreed that fin. agreement dated May 1999 allowed Cannon to receive \$140,000. He did JB personal + bus. taxes, but didn't meet w/ JB <sup>since</sup> <sub>mid-90s</sub>
7/24/09	S/A Williams interviewed Linda Wade, former personal assistant from 1980-2000. She said that James Brown was very Generous. He also was very paranoid when using drugs.
7/29/09	S/A Williams typed memo of interviews of Farr + Wade.
7-30-09	<del>CASE MANAGEMENT</del> <b>(883)</b>
8/11/09	S/A Williams and AG's office Inv. Pete Logan interviewed Jewel Libby in Belvidere, SC. She was bookkeeper for James Brown before Cannon. Cannon kept her out of the loop when he took over. A memo of Interview was prepared.
8/11/09	Several phone calls with Pete Logan + AG Atty
8/31/09	Robb McNair to discuss case Plan to indict in Oct. 09





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AGENT: Williams D.E.  
SUPERVISOR: Bolchoz, B.J. (LT)  
COUNTY: Barnwell

CASE NUMBER: 31070152  
VICTIM: Estate of James Brown  
SUBJECT: Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
7/11/09	S/A Williams spoke to Robby McNair who said that he didn't have time to indict case in Oct.
11/2/09	Turned in inv. report to Lt Bolchoz. S/A Williams put case file together for AG's office.
11/4/09	S/A Williams delivered copy of Inv. report to AG's office. S/A Williams, Pete Logan & Robbie McNair met with Acting Atty. Gen. of Nexsen & Pruitt to discuss what they have found since they took over as trustees. McNair agrees to indict next Barnwell Co. Grand Jury
1/5/10	S/A Williams spoke telephonically with Assistant Atty. General Robbie McNair, who said he had three trials in January and this case was his priority after trials are over.
2/18/10	S/A Williams met with AG Atty. Robbie McNair to discuss case and determine when case will be indicted & prepare indictments
2/22/10	S/A Williams indicted David Cannon in Barnwell Co on 8 ct, of Breach of Trust & 1 ct of Forgery
3/5/10	S/A Williams arrested & processed Cannon released on PR Bond. McNair
4/27/10	S/A Williams spoke to Asst. AG who said that he was going to set a pre-trial at USC to look at Fin. records & be expert witness for state
8/14/10	S/A Williams called Asst. McNair about time of trial & said it would not be on calendar until after Jan 2011.
4/11/11	Received trial subpoenas from Pete Logan
4/13/11	S/A Williams traveled to Augusta & met w/ Daryl Brown, son of James Brown & see him trial subpoena, S/A Williams also interviewed him





CASE NUMBER:	31070152
VICTIM:	Estate of James Brian
SUBJECT:	Cannon, David

DATE	ACTION TAKEN
4/13/11	Daryl Brown said that his father was afraid of David Cannon. Cannon had helped him out with IRS problems. Evidently Cannon told J.B. that he had connections in IRS. JB was afraid to make Cannon mad because Cannon would use his IRS connection to make more <sup>Tax</sup> trouble for JB. JB told Daryl that "They all steal from you" meaning managers.
4/15/11	S/A Williams typed Memo of Interview with Daryl Brown & emailed copy to Asst AG. Robbie McKee
4/25/11	Awaiting Court - <del>FR</del>
10-5-11	CASE REVIEW - Awaiting Court; Next Review in 90 Days (83)
10/27/11	David Cannon pleaded guilty under an Alford Plea before Circuit Court Judge George James, Jr. & pled to one count of Breach of Trust for \$7.7 million & one count of Breach of Trust for \$900,000. Other counts were dropped. He received a sentence of 10 yrs. in prison <sup>suspended</sup> upon completion of 3 yrs. House Arrest & 5 yrs. probation.
10/28/11	S/A Williams completed a CSR for closing this case.